GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA

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NOISE STANDARDS FOR FIRE CRACKERS
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have taken a policy decision on the issue of fire crackers` noise standards in accordance with the orders of the Hon`ble Supreme Court dated January 15, 2002;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the reasons for inclusion of fireworks in the list of noise pollutants;

(d) whether the Government are aware that the Government of U.K. has ordered for not enforcing laws for implementation with regard to noise from fireworks during Diwali period; and

(e) if so, the action contemplated by the Government to remedy the situation?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a)&(b) No, Sir.

(c) Fire crackers/ fireworks generate high noise levels which can have deleterious effects on the health and well being of the people. Therefore, they have been included in the list of noise pollutants.

(d) The Environmental Protection Act, 1990 of U.K. makes it an offence to emit noise from any premises so as to be prejudicial to health or a nuisance.

It has been reported that in one of the councils in London, community fireworks display was permitted during specified period and time.

(e) Noise standards for the fire crackers have been notified.